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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Board Staff

**RE: DRAFT STATEMENT OF BOARD POLICY ON POSSIBLE
2005 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Background and Summary

State Board of Health Policy 2001-001 creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. The Board revised this policy in December 2002, and one of the changes allowed for the creation of a “sense of the Board” document that could inform the activities of staff and individual Board members as issues came up during legislative session. (The revised policy is attached.)

At its January 2004 meeting, the Board approved a “sense of the Board” document for the past session. For today’s meeting, I have attached a preliminary draft of an update to that document. The update is based on what we anticipate might arise during the 2005 session (see previous agenda items and materials behind Tab 5).

Today’s agenda item provides an opportunity for review and discussion. I will take comments from today’s meeting and any subsequent comments from Board members, and develop a final draft for possible adoption at the January 12 meeting. After adoption by the Board, the “Statement of Board Policy on Possible 2005 Legislative Issues” could serve as a guidance document for the 2005 legislative session, which convenes January 10.

Recommended Board Action

None.

Attachment